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A February 13.- [Copyrighted 1897 Associated Press.)-All Europe is ing the Cretan dreworks display with as ablaze, Everybody is agreed that moment is the most critical the powers intervened in Turkish the daring act of Greece in send-George with a torpedo flotilla he caused a tremendous flutter Envocan cabinets. Telegraphic disa the subject have been flying the continent between the differeats and their embassies. Unestrict prevails at the British forin rapid succession and the Marfallsbury yesterday had a special with the Russian, Austrian and

importance of these conferences can so by the fact that Count von Hatzde German ambassador, went to m office, although he was in such me office, although he was in such health that he was thable to meet the health that he was thable to meet the foreign office. The past to the powers justifying the attention of the powers of the countries as to be regarded in grant terms as to be regarded in circles here as almost tantamount testartion of war against Turkey, the accused the Turkish troops of with the Mussulmans, said that the a reinforcements towant ronewal of the arises the Critical Christians a reinforcements meant renewal of the against the Cream Christians moduled with saying that was are incumbent on Greece to prevent must be landing of reinforcements, aly out of sympathy with, but as a a the Greek population, "which has seemily declared its letermination et onling but union with the moth-

selog attitude toward Turkey Is a voite face upon the part of King , who has hitherto shown a moder-nite disposition and there is consid-speculation for the reason thereof. speciation for the reason thereof, union is expressed that Greece must be count upon the support of some tial persons and the tolerance of, and indications point to Russia as chr. It is contended that the close between the two relaming familles count for something in the present and people are asking what passed a conference between the exar and George of Greece at Copenhagen last

George also had a conference with Goluchow in Vienna and it is attack is later advised Groece to wait payard be further abe might ream mit which was not yet ripe. Apparking George, pushed by the National a furece, has been trying to expendit the desired by a hold stroke. that is advices from Athens, the sent in Greece was so great that the liber had to yield or pack his from

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the object of his continual solicitude while on his way to England recently.

Dr. Jameson and the Chartered company will also be represented by counsal at the inquiry, and a colonial office attache will formally produce the Cape Colony blue book. A copy of the charter of the British South Africa company will also be submitted in evidence by Mr. Rhodes. The evidence will deal entirely with the circumstances of the raid into the Transvanl, and not into the alleged maladministration of Cape Colony. It is expected that the inquiry will last a couple of sessions.

The French chamber of deputies will soon deal with a bill for the taxation of toreigners, which the Viconite de Monitord and several of his friends have just submitted. It provides that all male foreigners pay the military tax upon Frenchmen who are exempted from unxation, and foreigners exorcising a profession or calling will, if the bill becomes a law, pay a supplemental tax. In the case of workmen this tax will not amount to less than 3 per cent of their exprings, while the tax on professionals is calculated on the license duty which they pay. The product of those taxes will be devoted to the assistance of the needy wives and families of soldiers.

Brazilian Troubles.

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New York, February 13.—A dispatch from Rio Janeiro, Brazil, caya: Commerce is practically at a standstill, owing to the political situation. There are fears in ome quarters, too, that President Moraes

will reassume power on March 17.
Colonel Morera Caseara, the commander of the troops operating against the fanatics, reports to the President government that the fanatics are anxious to avoid fighting and are now gathered at Canubus and Monte Sango.

The government has declared that it attaches no importance to the religion of the fanatics and that the government is in no danger.

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A declaration of a republic by the fanat-ics is received with reticence by the Bra-zilian officers.

Volcano in Mexico.

Oaxaca, Mexico, February 13 .- As a result of the recent earthquake shocks which were felt throughout this state and in the more distant parts of Southern Mexico, a new volcano has broken forth from one of the mountains near the town of Coatepec, south of here.

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The volcano is pouring forth a great volume of lava and ashes, and the inhabitants of Coatones and surrounding country are much alarmed for the safety of their lives and property.

The disturbances continue to be felt at intervals of every few hours, but their force is decreasing.

The Trenty in Venezuela.

Washington, February 13.-Information has been received here from Venezuela to the effect that the arbitration treaty signed in Washington by Sir Julian Pauncefore and Senor Andrade has safely reached and Senor Andrade has safely reached Caracas and will be laid before the Venezuelan congress as soon as it convenes. It is said on the best authority that the ratification of the treaty is practically assured; that all substantial opposition has disappeared upon a more accurate popular understanding of the terms of the agreement and that the attempt by Crespo's enemies to foment hostility to the treaty and make a political issue of it has signally failed.

Panama, February 13.—The government of Colombia has voted 6,000,000 france for the purchase of more warships,

The pavy now consists of only one cruiser, the Cordoba, which was recently fitted out in New York and which turned out to be a failure, the gunboats Lapoha and Bayaca and the revenue cutters Narino and Hercules. rino and Hercules.

TRUST INVESTIGATIONS.

A Wholesale Grocer Says He Was Forced Out of Business.

New York, February 13.—The legislative joint committee on trusts resumed its sitting in this city today. Before taking up the thread of the investigation where i dropped on Montay, the announcement was made that William M. Ivana would be ques-

Edward J. Duzan of Albany, a wholesale grocer, was the next witness. He had been in the augar business for twenty years. He said that he was what is known as a fartor for the surar trust. Before the trust was formed be could buy sugar anywhere, but after the trust went into operation he refused to join the Wholesale Grocers' association, and then he could not buy any sugar at all.

"What reason was given for that?"

"They wald I was cuttling prices and I was then forced to buy imported sugar."

"What was mild to you?"

"Robert Russell of this city told me that I must buy all my magar from the American company."

In answer to further questions Mr. Dugan said that the trust has refused to sell him any sugar and allow him the rebate by which a profit could be made.

"The trusts" he said, "has forced me out of business and I am about to closs out. The factor gets a decate of J-8 of a cent a pound. A grocer can not live unless be is a factor. He would be forced out of business are the make an affidavit that you will sell the sugar at a certain rate before you get the robate."

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you get the rebate."

One of the articles in the factor's agreement reads:

"None of the sugar shall be sold by you or disposed of by you for less than our daily quotations with freight added from point to point of sale, nor on more liberal forms a to could and cash discounts." point to point of sale, nor on more than terms as to credit and eash discounts."

Witness made his agreement in October, 18th and since he was thrown out he has sold very little sugar. When a customer wanted a barrel of augar he went out and bought it from another grocer.

"Multiple party mans for it than when you."

"Did you pay more for it than when you bought from the American Sugar Refining

"Yes; because I could not get the re-

WEEK OF INTERESTING BARGAINS.

Early Spring Wash Fabrics.

500 Dress Patterns, Brocaded Woven Zephyrs, quality that sold previous seasons at 15c a yard, fast colors, dainty spring patterns and entirely new.

> A 10-Yard Dress Pattern

> > For 50c

Look for These in Our Windows.

At 5c a Yard.

Genuine Zephyr Ginghams, in small check, in delicate blue only, the real French Gingham, and always sold at the goes at 5c a yard, only ten yards to a customer.

Great Sale in Towels.

100 dezen Linen Damask Towels, 2544, red border, fringed, a splendid 25c Towel, at Re. 50 dozen Bleached Honeycomb Towels, fringed, extra heavy and extra large, a splandid 15c Towel, for 5c.

30 dozen All Linen Bleached Satin Dam-ask Towels, double knotted fringe, fast celors, red and blue borders, a splendid half dollar Towel, at 25c. 100 dozen Bleached Satin Damask Fringed Napkins, sold at \$1.25, this week, 75c a dozen.

French Sateens.

Solid Black Brocaded Sateens, Silk Fin-sh, warranted in color, Zije quality, at ish, warrana 115c a yani. 25c quality, 15c a yard.

Lace Stripe Scrim. 1000 yards Lace Stripe Scrim, for window curtains, worth 10c, at 5c a vard.

Our Closing Out Carpet Sale.

Tapestry Brussels, 9 and 10-wire, 65c quality, at 48c a yard. Tapestry Brussels, "Roxburies," 10-wire, the 75c quality, at 52-5c a yard. Tapestry Brussels, finest 10-wire, sold at Sic and Sic, now 575c a yard. 10 pieces Body Brussels, \$1.00 quality, closing sale price, 65c a yard. 6 pieces Axminster, \$1.50 and \$1.65 qual-ties, closing sale price, Sec a yard. 230 pieces of Remnants, will make nice Ruga, comprising finest Tapesiry licussels, Velvets and Moquettes, as one-half price. Rugs-All Smyrna Rugs at one-third less than value. Prices on Ingrain Carpets at less than 6 plenes Wool, extra Super, sold at 40c and 45c a yard, now 25c.

15 places All Wool, extra Super, all new patterns, sold at 60c and 65c a yard, now MATTINGS-Great Specials in Mattings.

500 Opaque Window Shades, UPHOLSTERY-500 varis, assorted designs, Brocatel, worth H a yard, at 60c. 300 yards, same as above. Satin finish, worth \$1.05 a yard, at 88c. 200 yarda 48-inch Settn Damask, for Drapery, worth \$1.00 a yard, at 98c.

TAPLETRY AND MADRAS CURTAINS

-80 pairs Frinced Tapestry Portieres, 334
yards long, is Old Rose, Nile, Red and
Riue, worth 84.50 a pair, 24.53. 100 pairs Cream Mairus Curtains, in Rose and Green Borders, worth \$2.50 pair, at \$1.50.

LACE CURTAINS Special Offerings—180 pairs Lace Curtains, 75c, 30c and \$1.25. Each and every pair will be found worth nearly double.

250 pairs Embroblered Swiss Curtains, at 21.45, 51.75, 21.98, 22.48 and up to 55 a pair. Come early and get best selection.

HOUSTON'S BIG STORE. NEW ARRIVALS IN THE

THIS WEEK will be a Week for Bargains such as rarely met with, and all that will be placed on sale are New and Stylish Goods bought for this Great Sale.

A GREAT GLOVE SALE,

At 69c a Pair-Tomorrow we will place on sale 100 dozen Kid Gloves, in Black, Brown, Tan, Mode and Oxblood, made in. the latest Foster, Paul & Co.'s large 4-hooks, with heavy silk stitched back, worth \$1.25...... At 69c a Pair

At 48c a Pair-25 dozen Ladies' Kid Gauntlets, Bicycle or Driving Gloves, worth \$1,..... At 48c a Pair

At 98c a Pair-50 dozen Ladies' Real French Kid Gloves, with 4 large pearl buttons, in latest shades of Oxblood and Lemon, worth \$1.50 and \$1,75..... At 98c a Pair

At 69c a Pair-10 dozen 8-Button Mosquetaires, in 51, 51 and 6; this particular line is well worth \$1.50 a pair, but being the sizes are broken we will sell them.....At 69c a Pair

At \$1.39 a Pair-15 dozen 16-Button Undressed Kid Mosquetaires, in all the evening shades, worth \$2.50 . . At \$1.39c a Pair

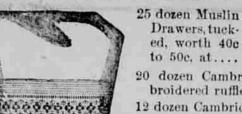
GREAT UNDERWEAR SALE.



50 dozen Muslin Chemises, worth 50c, at 25c 20 dozen Muslin Chemises, embroidered, tucked and ruffled yoke, worth 75c, at 38c 15 dozen Muslin Chemises, tucked and embroidered square yoke, worth 80c, at 48c 12 dozen Muslin Chemises, embroidered and ruffled round yoke, worth \$1, at .. 69c 12 dozen Cambric Chemises, double row insertion and ribbon trimming, with ruffled bottom, worth \$1.50, at 98c

25 dozen Muslin Gowns, tucked and ruffled yoke, neck and sleeves, worth 85c 4Sc 15 dozen Muslin Gowns, with large ruffled collar, embroidered and tucked yoke, ruffled sleeve, full sweep, worth \$1 to \$1.25, at only 69c

6 dozen Real Fine Embroidered Gowns, worth \$1.50 and \$1.75, at..... 98c



Drawers, tucked, worth 40c to 50c, at 23c 20 dozen Cambric Drawers, large em-

broidered ruffle, worth 75c, at..... 12 dozen Cambric Drawers, tucked and embroidered ruffle, worth 90c, at 48c 8 dozen Fine Cambric Drawers, hemstitched and embroidered ruffle, worth \$1, at..... 58c

6 dozen Cambric Drawers, heavily tucked and embroidered ruffle, worth \$1.50, at...... 89c

25 dozen Muslin Underskirts, tucked and ruffled bottom, worth 85c, at .. 48c 15 dozen Cambric Underskirts, tucked and embroidered ruffle, worth \$1.25 75c 10 dozen Muslin Underskirts, double

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10 dozen Corset Covers, embroidered neck, V shape, worth 40c, at....... 8 dozen Cambric Corset Covers, square neck, embroidered yoke and neck, worth 50c, at 25c 6 dozen Cambric Corset Covers, square yoke, embroidered neck, yoke and shoulder, worth 75c, at 39c 10 dozen Cambric Corset Covers, V and square shape, trimmed in Irish point, and a bargain at \$1, marked down to 58c

ONE MORE CORSET SALE.

50 dozen Prima Donna French Corsets, the genuine imported Corset, long waist, perfect fitting, sold at \$1.50, goes at ... 75c 6-Hook at 39c-20 dozen Corsets in 6-Hook, our \$1 Corsets, \$1.25 Corsets for 58c-100 dozen a la Mode French Make Corsets, 6-hook, black and white, all sizes, worth \$1.25, at. 58c W. B. and Thomson's Glove Fitting at Reduced Prices.

GREAT OFFERINGS THIS WEEK.

Early Spring Wash Fabrics,

48c a Pattern

500 Patterns Oriental Silk.

a new and substantial Wash Fabric, in latest designs, early spring shades, worth 81c a yard,

> A Dress Pattern Of 10 Yards

> > For 48c

Look for These in Our Windows.

At 39c a Pattern.

250 Dress Paliterns, Plaid Ginghams, medium shades, splendid quality, sold at ic a yard, a 10-yard pattern for 29c.

Special Linen Bargains.

1000 yards Bleached Satta Damask, con-tains to decasing, warranted pure Linen, 70 inches wide, quality that sells at 25c a yard, will be placed on sale at 48c a yard. 500 yards Bleached Satin Damask, ex-cellent finish, finest quality. 72 inches wide, and a bargain at \$1.55, will be sold at 60c a yard.

Black Dress Goods.

44-inch All Wool Black Surah Serge, silk finish, 75c quality, at 35c a yard. Priority Silk Warp Black Henrietta,

Tam O'Shanter Caps.

100 dozen Misses' 'Tam O'Shanter Caps, made of All Wool Boucle, assorted colors. how and quill on side, sold at Tic, choice of the lot at 29c.

Our Closing Out Shoe Sale.

At 98c a Pair.

Ladies' Dongola Button Shoes, with Pat-ent Tip, equare, opens and common sense toes, that sold as 11.50 a pair, and those that sold at 11.50 a pair, size to fit all, at 550 a pair. Look in our windows for them.

At \$1.48 a Pair.

Ladles' Dongola Button Shoes, Cloth and Dongola Top, including all latest toes and lasts, our 12 25 Shoes and our 12 16 Shoes, your choles at only \$1.65 a pair. Look in our windows for them.

At \$1.98 a Pair.

Ladies' Finest Hand Turn Shoes, in but-ton and lace, including all new toes, all lasts, all sizes, cloth end kid top; the same Shoe sells in all Shoe stores at \$4 a

Our prices were 13 and 43.50 a pair. Your sick at \$1.58 a pair. Look in our windows for them. Call before your size is sold out.

75c a Pair Evening Slippers.

50 pairs Ladies' Gince Kid Slippers, for the end parties, to match your dress, arth \$2.00 and \$2.00 a pair, at \$1.25 a pair

TO MAIL ORDER CUSTOMERS:

Please send your orders early in the week so as to receive everything advertised.

Houston Dry Goods Co.,

Successors to